

Senate State & Local Government Committee Amendment No. 1

Amendment No. 1 to SB0162

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 162

House Bill No. 133*

by deleting the preamble language between the caption and the enacting clause.

AND FURTHER AMEND by deleting all of the language after the enacting clause and by substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1.

(a) The general assembly recognizes that many Tennessee institutions, both public and private, have elected to select symbols, mascots, and names to represent such institutions. Such symbols, mascots, and names are often chosen in recognition of the area's heritage and to honor and respect certain persons or cultures and their contributions to our citizens and our state.

(b) No state agency has the authority to require or to prohibit or impair in any way the right of any public or private institution to continue to honor certain persons or cultures through the use of symbols, names, and mascots.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.